

State of Arizona
COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 25-042

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

April 18, 2025

The Complainant alleged a municipal court judge has harassed her by falsely claiming she violated an illegal order.

The role of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine whether a judicial officer has engaged in conduct that violates the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct or Article 6.1 of the Arizona Constitution. There must be clear and convincing evidence of such a violation in order for the Commission to take disciplinary action against a judicial officer.

The allegations of the complaint in this matter solely raised disagreements with legal rulings. The Commission does not have jurisdiction to overturn, amend, or remand a judicial officer's legal rulings. "A good faith error of fact or law does not violate this rule. However, a pattern of legal error or an intentional disregard of the law may constitute misconduct." *See* comment 3 to Rule 2.2 of the Code of Judicial conduct. Any violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct must be proven by clear and convincing evidence.

A mistake in a ruling does not automatically mean that the judicial officer has engaged in judicial misconduct. Judicial officers are required to exercise their discretion in making their decisions. Even if a judicial officer's decision is legally or factually incorrect, the ruling is generally considered to be "legal error" and not "ethical misconduct" that the Commission can address. When a complaint to the Commission solely relates to the correctness of a judicial officer's legal decisions, the Complainant is seeking the Commission to function in the capacity of an appellate court. Correcting legal errors is the role of the appellate courts, not the Commission.

The Commission is a regulatory body with limited jurisdiction. The Commission is not a court, and as such, it does not have any authority to overturn a judicial officer's rulings, intervene in a case, assign a new judge to hear a case, or award any monetary or other relief. The Commission process cannot be a substitute for seeking appellate review.

The Commission reviewed all information submitted by the Complainant and concluded there was not clear and convincing evidence of ethical misconduct in this matter. The complaint is therefore dismissed pursuant to Commission Rules 16(a) and 23(a).

A Duty Panel comprised of Commission members Denise K. Aguilar, Colleen E. Concannon, and Joseph C. Kreamer considered this matter.

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on April 17, 2025.

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2025-042

COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: _____ Judge's Name: _____

Instructions: Use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Describe in your own words what you believe the judge did that constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list all of the names, dates, times, and places that will help the commission understand your concerns. Additional pages may be attached along with copies (not originals) of relevant court documents. Please complete one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your records.

The _____ Court has- for _____ MONTHS- been engaged in unlawful harassment against me, falsely claiming that I have violated an order that the _____ has informed me " _____ " and has NEVER been served upon me. Additionally, I have NEVER been served a summons for these infractions.

I am told by law enforcement in two states as well as _____ that " _____ "

I have requested that my attorney have the cases quashed, as advised by an Arizona sheriff and a licensed attorney.

Attorney _____ appears to be UNWILLING to demand that the law be upheld.

Previously, a story has been circulated that I am ' _____ ' or activist and that these acts against me are part of some " _____ " I DO NOT and would NEVER consent to any such situation!

Please see that this situation is vacated and corrected by sanctions against the court (again) and this judge.

This HAS been reported to _____ and is a portion of a racketeering case, if I am to understand correctly.

I have a CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT to NOT have a court commit such HAENOUS acts against myself and my child whom I have SOLE custody of despite federal felonies by Judge _____

It is a judge's responsibility to abide by the laws of a state and the constitution- including but not limited to due process and procedural rules for service. The acts CHOSEN by this judge erode the integrity of the courts everywhere and violate my civil and constitutional rights.

All cases against me should be dismissed or vacated.

I have a right to the protection of the law- not to be persecuted by allegations that are not chronologically or legally possible. My child should be protected from law enforcement who would work to restrain and restrict her from the only sober parent that she has.

Entertaining this absurd endeavor for _____ months is an abuse of the court's power & resources..

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MUNICIPAL COURT

STATE OF ARIZONA Plaintiff	Case No:	NOTICE TO APPEAR FOR NON JURY TRIAL
Vs	Complaint Number:	
Mailed to last known address on file (confidential) Defendant		

This matter has been scheduled for Bench Trial on _____ at _____.

****All evidence must be printed out and/or saved on a CD or USB. All witnesses must be present on this date.**

YOU MUST APPEAR for this court date. If you fail to appear, any bond that has been posted will be subject to forfeiture, and a warrant being issued for your arrest.

If you are found guilty, all fines and fees are due on the date of sentencing.

You have the right to be present at all your court proceedings in your case. If this matter is eventually set to trial and you do not appear at your trial, this non-appearance will be considered a waiver of your right to be present at your trial. The trial may be held without you possibly resulting in a conviction with accompanying sentence which will be enforced, if necessary, by your arrest.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AWARE OF ALL FUTURE COURT DATES. SHOULD ANY SCHEDULED MATTER BE CONTINUED, YOU MUST CONTACT THE COURT OR YOUR ATTORNEY TO GET THE NEW DATE.

Requests for special accommodations (such as assistive devices, interpreters, etc.) must be done at least 3 working days in advance of a scheduled court proceeding.

If you require an interpreter, a request in writing must be submitted 10 days prior to your date court date.

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- Online at www.azcourtpay.com (Cash payments at other locations see PayNearMe on website for details)
- In person or by mail at the above address
- By phone at number above

Date: _____

Defendant Signature: _____

Copy emailed to defendant, mailed to last known address on file (confidential)

Copy emailed to defense counsel.

Copy given to prosecutor.